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KAISER WILLIAM SEES HIS MEN DRIVE BACK RUSSIANS DISASTER IN SAMOA MAKES 3,000 DESTITUTE; NEED IS PRESSING

JAPAN GETTING READY FOR WAR AGAINST CHINA

Sweeping Changes in High
Military Circles are Im-
pending

ULTIMATUM TO PEKING ADMITTED POSSIBILITY

Deadlock Over Tokio Demands
Still Reported From the
Chinese Capital

(Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 12.—Simultaneous with the issuance at the foreign office here of an unofficial report that a refusal by the Chinese government to comply with the demands of Japan will lead to open conflict between the two nations, Japan has perfected plans for sweeping changes in high military offices. An official announcement of the changes is expected Monday from Lieut.-gen. I. Oka, minister of war.

While it is declared by the officials of the war department that these changes will have no bearing on Japanese-Chinese negotiations, it is strongly intimated that Japan is quietly preparing for any action on the part of China which might result in the sending of an ultimatum to the latter government.

Advices from Peking are that Minister Heki and President Yuan Shih-kai are still deadlocked in their endeavor to bring about satisfactory negotiations. No further developments are reported. Minister Heki is said to be pressing his demands for a speedy settlement of the difficulties. The situation is still serious, according to the foreign office here. Unofficially the foreign office says that, while Japan is ready for any conflict, it would rather see the difficulties amicably settled.

Regarding the changes to be made in military offices, Lieut.-gen. Y. Uehara, now chief of the bureau of education, will be promoted to the rank of general and appointed new chief of staff.

Gen. Y. Masagawa, who will be relieved by Lieut.-gen. Uehara, was appointed field marshal several weeks ago, but has not yet assumed his new duties.

Among other important changes will be the appointment of Lieut.-gen. N. Oseko, now commander of the Fourth Army Division with headquarters at Osaka, as commander of the Imperial guard division of the Japanese army. M. Ichinaka, commander of the Fourth Army Division stationed at Tokyo, will be appointed military governor of the Japanese capital.

FANNY CROSBY, NOTED WRITER OF HYMNS, DEAD

(A. P. by Fed. Wireless.)
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—Fanny Crosby (Mrs. Frances Jane Van Alstyne), the famous hymn writer, poet and author, died here today. She was 95 years old.

Fanny Crosby was born at South East, New York, March 24, 1820. When six weeks old she became blind and when 15 years old entered an institution for the blind in New York city as a teacher. During her life she wrote more than 6000 hymns. She was an author of note and published several volumes of poems.

OLDEST LIVING CIVIL WAR VETERAN PASSES AWAY ABROAD; AGED 106

(A. P. by Fed. Wireless.)
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—Edward Monroe, aged 106 and the oldest Civil War veteran, was buried here today.

Four bank robbers, who attempted to rob a bank in Andale, Kan., were frightened away when Clara Dressel, night operator at the telephone exchange, aroused the town by ringing all telephone bells.

The treasurer of the Yale Corporation reported the present total of permanent funds at \$15,750,000.

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NINE TRUE BILLS ARE VOTED BY U. S. GRAND JURY

Nine true bills and one no-bill were returned by the federal grand jury this afternoon in a partial report made to Judge Sanford B. Dole. The no-bill was returned against Barney Turner and Edward O'Neill, who were called before the grand jury as witnesses in the alleged assault at Wai-iki about a week ago upon Mrs. Veva Tarter, wife of an enlisted man at Schofield Barracks.

Frank Replin, formerly quartermaster on the steamer Siberia, against whom a true bill was returned, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100. Replin was arrested last November on a charge of smuggling opium. The remainder of the true bills have been placed in secret file.

The members of the grand jury have been excused until Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

VAN DYKE SAYS GERMAN ORDERS HAMPER DUTIES

(A. P. by Fed. Wireless.)
THE HAGUE, Holland, Feb. 12.—Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, complains that the German military orders are interfering with his diplomatic correspondence with Luxembourg.

JEFF M'CARN NOW FAVORS ARMY BOXING?

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Feb. 12.—Capt. P. D. Glassford, athletic officer of the 1st Field Artillery, states that he visited Mr. Jeff McCarn in the office of the U. S. district attorney a few days ago and found him very much in favor of boxing in the army and very willing to do anything in his power to make it possible for the soldiers of Oahu to enjoy this most popular form of entertainment.

Capt. Glassford explained to Mr. McCarn that there are scores of soldiers who are more than willing to go into the ring for exhibition bouts that are almost as thrilling as real prize fights, and are willing to do so just for the love of the sport. Capt. Glassford was anxious to have one entertainment of this nature each month and charge a small admission, which at the end of a year should be devoted to the erection of a gymnasium. A gymnasium is badly needed at Schofield, for the soldiers have no place to play basket ball, indoor baseball and other indoor sports and exercises. The district attorney showed that the direct or indirect charge of an admission fee would be in direct violation of the law, but gave it as his opinion that contributions could be asked for to defray the expenses of the entertainment and to accumulate a fund for the erection of a gymnasium. He has written to the attorney general for a decision on this point, so that the monthly boxing entertainments and the Schofield gymnasium may very soon be realities.

SENATORIAL PARTY MAKES TOUR OF THE OAHU COAST DEFENSES

Senator-elect Warren G. Harding, Mrs. Harding, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Sawyer, and Capt. J. D. Dougherty, N. G. L., formed a party that this morning entertained by Col. W. C. Rafferty, commanding the coast defenses of Oahu, on a trip to several of the coast artillery forts. The party first paid a visit to the submarines and then visited Forts Armstrong, De Russy and Ruger, in the order named.

PRESIDENT REFUSES SHIPPING COMPROMISE; FILIBUSTER GOES ON

(A. P. by Fed. Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Wilson has definitely rejected a proposed compromise on the shipping bill. The compromise was an amendment terminating government ownership in any steamship line two years after the war ends. The President refuses to accept the amendment and the compromise plan is off.

26,000 RUSSIANS ARE PRISONERS, IS CLAIM

Russian Forces Withdraw "For Recomposition," Says Petrograd, Admitting Strength of German Reinforcements—Paris Claims German Offensive in Poland Collapsing—Little New on Western Front

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 12.—German aviators have bombarded the fortress of Verdun and captured trenches of the enemy near Verdun.

A counter attack under Geneva flag was repulsed. The Germans have also repulsed a French infantry attack at Souvain. A slight French success has been won at Champagne, and the French have captured a trench in the front at Vosges.

Emperor William has arrived on the battlefield on the East Prussian frontier. The Russians have evacuated their position east of the Mazurian lakes. So far the Germans have taken 26,000 Russians and 50 guns.

On the right bank of the Vistula yesterday the German offense was successful and Sierpec captured.

British Air Fleet Bombards Ostend and Blankenberghe

LONDON, England, Feb. 12.—Official—"Thirty-four British air seaplanes bombarded the districts of Ostend and Blankenberghe, damaging railway stations, tracks and the power station at Middlekerke. The minesweeper Zeebrugge also was damaged. The raid lasted 24 hours.

"Claude Graham-White, who was piloting one of the seaplanes, fell into the sea and was rescued by a French vessel which exposed itself to the enemy's fire to save him. The air-fleet was in command of Wing Commander Samson.

"The British government has given its consent to the issuance of \$50,000,000 worth of Russian treasury bills in London."

Germans Mowed Down in Heaps

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 12.—The weather and dense formations, affording opportunity for directed fire, caused the heavy German loss in the Poland operation. An eye-witness describing a battle says the machine guns mowed down the enemy's ranks as with a steel blade. At the end of the combat the Russians saw hills of dead before them.

New War Crisis Arises

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 12.—Official—"It is believed that we are upon the eve of great military operations which must settle definitely the struggle in East Prussia.

"Four new German corps have recently appeared on the East Prussian front, radically changing the conditions and necessitating our retirement to more concentrated positions in order to facilitate the recomposition of our forces."

Paris Says Failure of Germans in Poland Appears Complete; Great Loss

PARIS, France, Feb. 12.—The failure of recent German attacks in Poland appears complete. Their losses are unprecedented in the history of such operations. According to authentic reports they have lost 40,000 killed and wounded and missing proportionately in the attempt to drive into Poland and capture Warsaw.

Five Aviators Claimed to Have Dropped Bombs on German Airsheds

PARIS, France, Feb. 12.—Five aviators of the Allies have succeeded in dropping bombs upon a German aerodrome near Mulhausen.

U. S. Proposes Disposition of Wilhelmina be Held for Evidence

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The United States government has proposed to Great Britain that the disposition of the steamer Wilhelmina through a prize court be postponed pending new evidence, which the owners of the cargo say is conclusive that the cargo should not be seized as contraband.

Only Cannonading Along West Front

PARIS, France, Feb. 12.—The last 24 hours has seen little but almost continuous artillery dueling on the western front.

Say Turkish Transport Sunk

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 12.—A Turkish transport heavily laden has been sunk on the Black Sea.

The case of L. Fook Kau & Co., alleged bankrupts, was to be given a hearing in the federal court this afternoon.

BRITISH GENERALS OF NOTE WHO ARE HEADING MILITARY OPERATIONS



Above—Lieut.-gen. Sir H. G. O. Plumer. Below—Gen. Sir H. Smith-Dorrien.

SCULLY AND M'GRATH PLAY PRACTICAL JOKE ON CUSTOMS SLEUTHS

John T. Scully and J. J. McGrath, each with a few suspicious looking tins in his possession, were brought to central police station last night by Officer Day, arrested on information given by federal customs inspectors.

The contents of the containers upon examination by police officials and others, revealed burned sugar and pol. According to those who are attending to the prosecution of Scully, McGrath and Lewis, the accused men treated the affair last night as a joke upon a federal customs officer, who had been detailed to watch certain districts where contraband opium is believed to be offered for sale.

The police learned that Scully and McGrath had visited several places along Hotel and King street where apparently without fear of detection an attempt was made to dispose of quantities of opium. After the men were brought to headquarters the tins were examined and their contents discovered.

Scully and McGrath remained in the district court during the morning session, expecting a hearing on a charge of robbery. Prosecuting Attorney Chillingworth found it necessary again to postpone the case, owing to a pressure of business. The hearing may be held tomorrow morning.

FREDDY WELSH AND WHITE MATCHED FOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.—Charlie White, the local lightweight, and Freddie Welsh, the world's champion, were matched today for a 10-round fight at 135 pounds at Milwaukee on the night of February 17.

Sparks from the Wireless.

The following wireless message has been received by the agents of the S. S. Wilhelmina, bound for Honolulu: For Honolulu—43 cabin passengers, 15 steerage passengers, 372 bags mail, 69 Wells-Fargo express matter, 8 automobiles, 3226 tons cargo. For Hilo—4 automobiles, 693 tons cargo. For Port Allen—3 tons cargo. Ship arrives Tuesday morning and will dock at Pier 15.

Frederic Schulz was acquitted at White Plains, N. Y., for shooting Charles H. Wilson during the Horse Show there on September 17.

The Carnegie Steel Co. ordered the lighting of three more blast furnaces in the Pittsburgh district. Jacob Frumkes, a grocer of New York, is dying of a fractured skull, after having been beaten by a policeman when he tried to prevent the arrest of his 10-year-old son for carrying a revolver.

STARVATION IN THREE WEEKS IS PROSPECT; U. S. GUNBOAT CARRIES TEMPORARY SUPPLIES

ASSOCIATED PRESS MESSAGE LAST NIGHT THROUGH MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S WIRELESS HERE BRINGS FIRST AUTHENTIC DETAILS—PLANTATIONS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FURY OF WIND—VILLAGES AND BOATS SMASHED TO PIECES—CROPS WILL TAKE YEAR FOR RENEWAL

Starvation faces 3000 natives in Samoa in three weeks' time unless speedy assistance is given them.

First authentic details of the great hurricane that swept the island of Manua three days ago reached Honolulu last night by wireless to the Mutual Telephone Company.

According to this message, sent to the Associated Press through the medium of the Mutual Telephone Company, hurricane, earthquake and tidal waves combined to wreak devastation upon one of the loveliest islands in the South Seas.

The United States gunboat Princeton, stationed at the naval station at Tutuila, is giving temporary assistance to the stricken natives. As told in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches, Lieut. Charles A. Woodruff, commanding the naval station, has asked the United States for \$10,000 for relief purposes.

For some time the Mutual Telephone Company's wireless station at Wahiawa has been able to talk with Samoa and in order to get authentic details of the hurricane disaster for the people of Hawaii, J. A. Balch, manager of the wireless department, last night sent messages flying southward to the Samoan stations. The American station at Tutuila is not a strong one and in order to work successfully the messages were relayed through the British station at Apia.

As a result of these efforts, a reply addressed to the Associated Press was received.

It is signed "Gura," and is as follows:

TUTUILA, Samoa, Feb. 11.—Hurricane, earthquake, tidal waves combined. Boats destroyed or damaged. Villages disappeared. Others ruined. Three deaths. One was decapitated by flying iron roofs, some of which were blown ten miles. Coffins of recent burials exposed by storm tearing up earth.

Three-fourths of the cocoa-palms on the islands have been leveled and the remainder damaged. Plantations totally destroyed. One year before any food plants can bear.

Three thousand destitute. Princeton conveyed food, clothing and temporary assistance. Starvation in three weeks' time is the prospect.

The experience is unprecedented in Samoa. The barometer dropped to 27.50.

Rear Admiral C. B. T. Moore, who was governor of American Samoa some seven years ago, said this morning that the local naval establishment had received no message regarding the situation in Samoa. Questioned regarding the food supply of the islands, Admiral Moore said:

"It is seven years since I left Samoa, and naturally I can't say with any certainty what supply of food is on hand. However, it has not been the custom to keep any large amount of stores there. The island of Manua is about 65 miles from Tutuila."

SOLDIERS ADMITTED FREE TO AQUARIUM CARNIVAL WEEK

Through the efforts of C. G. Ballentine of the Rapid Transit and Land company permission has been secured for the free admission of all soldiers in uniform to the aquarium during carnival week. In a letter sent to Director-General Dougherty this morning Mr. Ballentine stated that he had secured this permission for the soldiers to see the show at the aquarium without charge, the hours for the free admission will be from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning.

This is another instance of the special efforts being made by those in charge of the Carnival to make the visit of the soldiers pleasant and to provide for them as many attractions as possible. A ball will be given for them in the armory.

The director of the Carnival decided several days ago to give the soldiers a half rate to all events under their direction.

PAY YOUR WATER BILL, IS DREARY CHORUS OF TREASURER CONKLING

Pay your water bills! That's what City and County Treasurer Conkling says. "Now, y'see," explained the High Chief Komo, "I don't want to look like as if I was going to shut off the water, but I received a confirmed 'tip' last Monday that the gold coin collector for the water and sewer departments was going to order the water shut off unless people pay their delinquent bills. He told me that where ever bills have not been paid up to January 1, the water will be shut off bright and early Monday morning. That means that consumers had better pay their bills before the treasurer's office closes at 12 noon tomorrow."

There are several hundred places where water has not been paid for to the first of the year. Conkling reports, and as a result the city engineers are short some thousands of dollars.

SUGAR
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Sugar: 36 degree test, 4.75 cents. Previous quotation, 4.77 cents.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr. is said to be seriously ill at her home at Port au Prince, Haiti.